

Judge Patten receives Justice Achievement Award

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The Mississippi Court Administrators Association recently honored Chancery Judge Edward E. Patten Jr. of Hazlehurst as this year's recipient of the Justice Achievement Award.

Court Administrator Bethany Lewis presented the award on April 26 in Jackson during the Trial and Appellate Judges Conference and Mississippi Court Administrators Conference.

The award is presented annually to an individual who by personal resolve, persistence and endeavor has selflessly contributed to improvement of the administration of justice.

Judge Patten has served as chancellor of the Fifteenth Chancery District of Copiah and Lincoln counties since 1999. He practiced law in Hazlehurst before being elected to the bench.

Judge Patten previously served for two years as chairman of the Conference of Chancery Judges and two years as conference vice-chair. He was a member of the Mississippi Code of Judicial Conduct Study Committee, and was vice-chair of the Bench-Bar Liaison Committee. Judge Patten served for more than seven years on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules, including more than three years as chairman and two years as vice-chair. He also served for four years on the Bar Complaints Tribunal. He served on the Task Force to Strengthen Confidence in the Legal System and on the Legislative Study Commission on the Mississippi Judicial System. He was inducted in 2003 as a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation. He is a Mississippi Bar Commissioner and former president of the Copiah County Bar Association.

Judge Patten earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in pharmacy from the University of Mississippi before earning a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

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